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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

"Although Yale has always favored
The violet's dark-blue,
And the gentle sons of Harvard
To the crimson rose are true,
We will carry on our banner
High above us ever more,
Sign of truth and strength and honor,
Brilliant garnet of Swarthmore."

THIS is the version of the Princeton song that the Swarthmore students sing almost every Wednesday evening during the social hour. Their love for Alma Mater is very strong. Harvard, Yale and Princeton have no more devoted sons; Wellesley, Vassar, Bryn Mawr have no more devoted daughters. We acknowledge the charms of the larger colleges, but we do not envy them. To our mind the quiet Quaker college is a lovely, helpful mother which we would not exchange for any other. There is an air of repose, of culture about it that pleases us more than would a wider reputation or more pretentious buildings.

Swarthmore is different from any other college. In the first place it is co-educational. But it is not co-educational as are Cornell and Ann Arbor; women were not admitted as an afterthought. No Lucy Stone at Swarthmore could be refused permission to read her essay on Commencement day. It was in the plan of the founders of Swarthmore that both the sexes should receive the same training under the same government.

It was not strange that Quakers should have early seen the reasonableness of such a course. Respect for woman is one of the fundamental doctrines of their society. Moreover, they possess remarkable qualities of common sense and wise foresight, so that in many reforms they have been several generations in advance of the rest of the world. Two hundred and fifty years ago they proclaimed the truth of arbitration; the world to-day is but just adopting it. In 1688 the yearly meeting in Philadelphia testified against slavery, one hundred and forty-two years before abolition became a national movement. Temperance and woman's right now find earnest supporters in the same society. So the founders of Swarthmore twenty-five years ago took the stand in regard to co-education that many of the best educators are now taking.

As a result, Swarthmore girls have always held an honorable position in college life. There is no harsh feeling between the East and West wings. The girls are interested in athletics; the boys find that they cannot neglect lessons or they will be left behind. I never heard a Swarthmore boy say, as I once heard a man from another college say, that he objected to co-education because he hated to hold a door open for a girl.

The college is not so large that personal attention cannot be given to each student. That is one of the greatest advantages of the place. The boy or girl of seventeen or eighteen, when first sent away from home care, is not allowed to sink or swim in the great sea of college life. He is directly under the supervision of the kindest of faculties. The restraint is not exercised in an irk-

some manner. We feel it only as we feel the loving guidance of a father. In the friendship of our instructors we learn far more than could be taught at recitations. There is something of the English idea of "residence for the sake of culture." Certain it is that one cannot spend a year at Swarthmore without being better physically, mentally and morally.

I wish you could all walk with me up the well worn-asphaltum to the college, stand for a few minutes on the portico looking over the pretty wooded country, then go upstairs and from a second story window get a beautiful view of the silvery Delaware in the distance. Then your Theta sisters would eagerly show you the building, the library, the museum, the assembly hall. They would take you for a walk over the grounds, to the president's house, the observatory, the science building, past the meeting house and tell you of the beautiful walks in the woods, along the creek, to Wallingford, to Media. If you could stay to dinner several would contend for the honor of having you at their table, and you would probably enter the dining hall still in doubt as to where you were to sit.

And the dining hall! When Alice Stone Blackwell visited the college she was most impressed with that feature of college life. She said that the boys and girls, as they came into the room and sat down side by side, did not seem to realize that the foundations of society were at stake. To them it is an ordinary occurrence to assemble in this social way three times a day. A congenial company of ten or eleven at one table will meet all the requirements of a large family, small eating club and mutual improvement society.

The literary societies are not co-educational. Two are supported by the boys. The Somerville is the only one among the girls. It is almost as old as the college itself and numbers among its members most of the graduates and ex-students. It is a conservative and yet an active body. Every year at its reunions it

brings back many old students; it is indeed the strongest tie that binds them to the college. The active members are nonenities on this day; the life members have it all their own way. Last spring the society celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college by the dedication of the new girl's gymnasium, Somerville Hall, and by the establishment of the Lucretia Mott fellowship, which is to be henceforth granted to the best girl-student in the Senior class.

Fraternities have only of late years been represented at Swarthmore. The Friendly spirit has been rather opposed to secret societies. As fraternity people, we can not allow that fraternities do harm either to individuals or to institutions, and we hope at Swarthmore to bring forth such beneficial results that the opposition will be overcome. For in the quiet, wholesome life of the Quaker college, in the atmosphere of charity and good-will that pervades the place, there ought to be an opportunity for the perfect development of the ideal fraternity life.

CAROLINE P. SARGENT.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

One of the questions which presents itself very insistently to every fraternity, I suppose, and which has by no means passed Kappa Alpha Theta by, is the old, vexed one of honorary membership. Whether or no to admit to the bond in any degree, wholly or partially, any one not in regular attendance upon college or university, is a subject discussed in some form at every convention.

Our own solutions have been various. In 1883 any candidate for membership had to be simply a student in the university or college where the chapter was located. In 1885 apparently a new section was introduced, providing that honorary membership might be conferred upon distinguished women at any convention of the fraternity, if all the chapters represented should approve, and if her consent were gained. In 1887 the section last mentioned remained unchanged, while the former section was amended so that any alumna of the college or university where the chapter was located might be taken into the fraternity, but at the same time the Cornell chapter was refused permission to initiate a *Vassar* alumna. In 1889 the phrasing was changed to "student in the course leading to a degree in the liberal arts, or an alumna of the university or college," etc., and it was further decided that any chapter might take into full membership women who were professors in the institution or any former student resident in the city in which the chapter was located. The convention of '91 made only a verbal alteration. At present, since the thorough revision of the constitution at Chicago, the only persons eligible for membership of any sort in a college chapter are students taking at least three collegiate studies in the course of liberal arts, alumnae of the university or college where the chapter is

located, and professors in the institution.* The section regarding honorary membership is happily omitted.

Is this the final and best possible solution of the question, or can a better be found? Perhaps the fraternity at large has thought the poor, troublesome thing buried forever. Iota hesitates to resurrect it again, but yet has discussed the point somewhat, and has considered to some extent framing a new amendment to that much amended structure, the constitution. Accordingly, it was suggested that the "leading article" asked for deal with this subject. But the chosen writer of the "leading article" pauses in dismay at the number of devices which our honored body has tried in succession and without satisfaction, and despairs of finding a new and a better one.

I think no one would wish back the section of 1885 which provided for the conferring of honorary membership on "distinguished women." Certainly there is no such desire in Iota chapter. There is something in the idea which seems totally contrary to the fundamental basis of fraternityism. We do not want any one to wear our pin as a favor to us; the honor such a woman has won previously does not add to the glory of a kite put on afterwards, and the pin should not be used in conferring a compliment, either in the bestowal or in the acceptance when bestowed. If fraternityism does not mean sympathy and a certain community of interests it means very little. Surely it does not mean mere formal recognition of achievement, as does the honorary degree LL. D., as given by many Colleges and Universities. If honorary membership means this only we hope it is forever done away with.

There are other women, however, who are in closer contact with the life of the undergraduate girls, who are very frequently the friends not only of individuals but of groups of individuals, even of whole chapters, who take deep interest in their doings and

*By the way, Iota would like to ask whether this provision means only those who hold the rank of professor, or any member of the instructing body.

are not infrequently college graduates themselves. These are the wives of the professors and other women in the families of members of the instructing body.

For ourselves we are fortunate in that we have four alumnæ of our own chapter and one alumna of the original Eta among our "Faculty Ladies," so that we realize and enjoy very thoroughly the advantages of fraternity companionship with such women. It has seemed sometimes that it might be of great benefit to be able to receive into the same relation the wives or sisters of members of the instructing body, who have come from other colleges, either as alumnæ or as non-graduates, and so to enjoy the same companionship with them. I would in no case urge the admission of any one without collegiate education, for a fraternity is in its very nature composed of college or university men or women.

The argument may perhaps be advanced that in such a case the woman may have come from an institution where a chapter is located and may never have been asked to join there, in which case it would not be pleasant for the chapter, should she ever return wearing a pin. This objection of course does not apply in the numerous instances of people who have come from colleges where no chapter exists. And moreover I fancy its application would be rare in any case. If under such circumstances a woman were to be desired as a member, a chapter would probably be slow and conservative in deciding to ask her, taking into consideration the character of the chapter in the institution from which she came, and the possibilities of change in herself from her undergraduate days. In all probability the chances of her return to her alma mater would be small, and if so received into another chapter the likelihood of annoyance to the original chapter would be still smaller.

Furthermore, we are now permitted to initiate alumnæ of our own college or university. I suppose the main idea here is to provide for persons graduated before the founding of the chapter, yet it is not so expressed, and some one may be initiated who has been

considered and rejected by the same chapter with some previous constituency. Indeed this is a difficulty which is a necessary result of the shifting constitution of a college chapter. Yet the probability of trouble and annoyance from this cause, as well as that possible through the varied tastes and characters of different chapters, seems to me small enough to be disregarded.

I am not at all sure that the only solution of the difficulty now possible is not perhaps the best one obtainable—namely, the device of asking the woman whom the chapter wants as a member to register for a term, and to take three collegiate studies. It seems a good deal to ask of any busy faculty woman, and Iota has never but once summoned courage to do it, although it has been talked of several times. But perhaps the interest great enough to make a faculty woman a true fraternity member will always be great enough to make her willing to pay \$40 registration fee, and to give enough of her valuable time for three “snaps,” beside the time for the fraternity itself. Certainly the present writer is not ready to word an amendment which will avoid all the dangers and difficulties of the situation.

I have named this article Honorary Membership, but it seems largely concerned with something that is not honorary membership at all. It is hardly the active membership into which the undergraduate pledgings enter, but rather resembles the lively but non-voting interest of the resident alumnae. Yet its consideration started in the discussion of the old question. This presentation of my feeling is rather hazy, and not a definite solution of the problem. I suppose one really ought to write nothing until a clear conviction is borne in upon one, the spirit moves, genius burns, or some similar figurative phenomenon takes place, but a long-suffering editor and an inconsiderate chapter makes it impossible to await such trifles and I can discuss the matter only with such imperfect clearness as I have so far thought it out.

M. F. B.,

Iota.

IN MEMORIAM.

DIED SEPT. 9, 1894.

MARCELLA HOWLAND,

KAPPA CHAPTER.

Read at the meeting of the Friends in Council, Oct. 2, 1894.

"So, dearest, now thy brows are cold,
I see thee what thou art and know
Thy likeness to the wise below,
Thy kindred with the great of old.

TENNYSON.

Save by her nearest of kin, Marcella Howland was best known by those associated with her in the many enterprises for the public good that enlisted her sympathies and her activities during the last few years of her life. To them were revealed her buoyant hopefulness, her energy, her determination to succeed, her quick perception of the best methods of working, her tact in winning the good will of others, and, above all, her generosity of spirit, for she seemed absolutely unwearied in doing good, and there was no shadow of self-seeking in the doing thereof.

To illustrate the universality of her interests, I recall how I heard her enumerate, five years ago, the fall before her graduation, some of the objects which she wished to help accomplish;—Placing a chime of bells in the steeple of the new Methodist Church, putting a pipe organ into the University Chapel, collecting funds for the Athletic Association—Col. McCook's generous offer being then open—and in particular helping furnish our little church then in process of building. She did indeed contribute much to the success of the two last named undertakings.

In the church she became invaluable, assisting her father in his pastoral calls, and in kindly welcoming the young people at their home; in the Sunday School as organist and teacher of the little ones, who fondly called her "My Cella," and "My Friend;" in Unity Club with entertainments and charming dramatic impersonations; and she made herself useful in many ways to the older ladies in this Society.

Received into the Friends in Council after her year at Bryn Mawr, we were all pleased with the readiness and with the ease and grace as well with which she took her part in our work. I recall with especial pleasure in her talk upon College Settlements her sympathetic account of what she had actually seen in her visits to Philadelphia and New York. Her mind dwelt much upon the possibilities of extending such work, and upon the need of certain phases of it in our own community. Her mother tells me that during the past year, whenever she saw groups of idle boys upon the streets, she longed to start an Industrial School here to prevent such idleness and shiftlessness among the youth.

I have mentioned before, the utter unselfishness of her endeavors. She did not even ask whether a cause were popular, but whether it were right and just. In the latter case it met with her approval and hearty co-operation.

It was thus with the cause of Equal Suffrage, so rarely attracting the attention of young people, particularly those that are

society favorites. Last spring she gladly helped in the work of the Corresponding Secretary, who was then absorbed with the care of an invalid sister. She expected to do still more this fall. She spoke of it with eager interest to her friends among the young men, awakening an interest among such as had failed to give the subject previous attention.

Naturally, the associated charities received her cordial help, and in the last entertainment given to raise funds for the association, early in the summer, she took a leading and successful part.

Numberless were her acts of kindness to neighbors and neighbors' children. The last time I saw her before her illness she was befriending a stranger within our gates, a young lady from Chicago canvassing for a kindergarten publication. She was taking pains to introduce her to personal friends here that she might return to Chicago with a pleasanter impression of Kansas than that derived from a disappointing reception elsewhere.

Her dominant quality was what we commonly call public spirit. This is only the secular name for the Christ-spirit, the willingness to live for others, the ardent desire to make the world better.

And while her mind was alert to see the needs of the world and fully equipped to help progressive movements, she did not neglect or overlook the humble duties of the home. She took upon herself a large measure of the household cares, and there as elsewhere was cheerfully helpful. Our circle misses her, friends mourn for her, and the world hath need of such as she, yet our tenderest, deepest sympathy goes forth to the bereaved home, to the father, mother and sister whose loss is irreparable.

FRANCES SCHLEGEL CARRUTH.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has, in His infinite love and wisdom, seen fit to call to her heavenly home our dear friend and sister, Inez Eugenia Moody, of the class of '94; be it

Resolved, That while we would submit to His will in all things, and thank Him for the beautiful example of her life, we most sincerely mourn the loss of one who, by her consistent daily life among us, and by her noble and Christ-like character, has won our love and respect, and, we hope, inspired us to better Christian lives. And we find our greatest consolation in the faith which leads us to hope that we may meet her again in heaven.

Resolved, That we, the members of Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, tender to her family our heartfelt love and sympathy in this, our common affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, and that they be published in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

FRANCES M. ATKINSON,
FLORENCE J. MAY,
GRACE JOHNSON, } Committee.

Burlington, Vt., December 10, 1894.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

To the members of Kappa Alpha Theta, and to the Chapters of Beta District. Greeting :

It is with something of hesitancy that the new president of Beta District introduces herself to her constituency through the columns of KAPPA ALPHA THETA. The honor was most unexpectedly and most suddenly shifted from the shoulders of her predecessor, and bewildered she stood, awaiting the call of duty.

Not less certain than fate came with unerring aim the editor's call for the vice-president's letter, and with the oath of office so recently taken, I hasten to execute this part of my trust.

From the nature of the circumstances I can of necessity have but little to say. First, let me express my sincere regret that Miss Wallace felt the growing impossibility of doing the work in connection with her other duties. Her wide-spread acquaintance in the fraternity, coupled with her experience and rare common sense, rendered her peculiarly adapted to fulfil to the uttermost the duties of the office. But since it has seemed wisest and best to her to surrender her trust, and since I have been chosen to complete her term of office, it will be my pleasure as well as my duty to do my best to fill her place.

Responsibility begets interest, and interest awakens thought. Thought should lead to action. That it may will depend upon you. It has seemed to me in meditating upon what I might say to your encouragement and growth, that what may with profit be brought home to the consideration of each of us, is individual responsibility. I cannot but think that if each one of us should hold herself individually responsible for the status—mental, moral, social—of Kappa Alpha Theta, there would ensue a golden age in the annals of the fraternity. That if from the theoretical discus-

sion of fraternity ideals each chapter and member should turn to the practical reform of the individual more would be accomplished in the end. That a firm resolve to "Do your best, your very best, and do it every day," and in every way, on the part of each member, would do more to attain the ideal and to answer the question of the best organization than any amount of legislation.

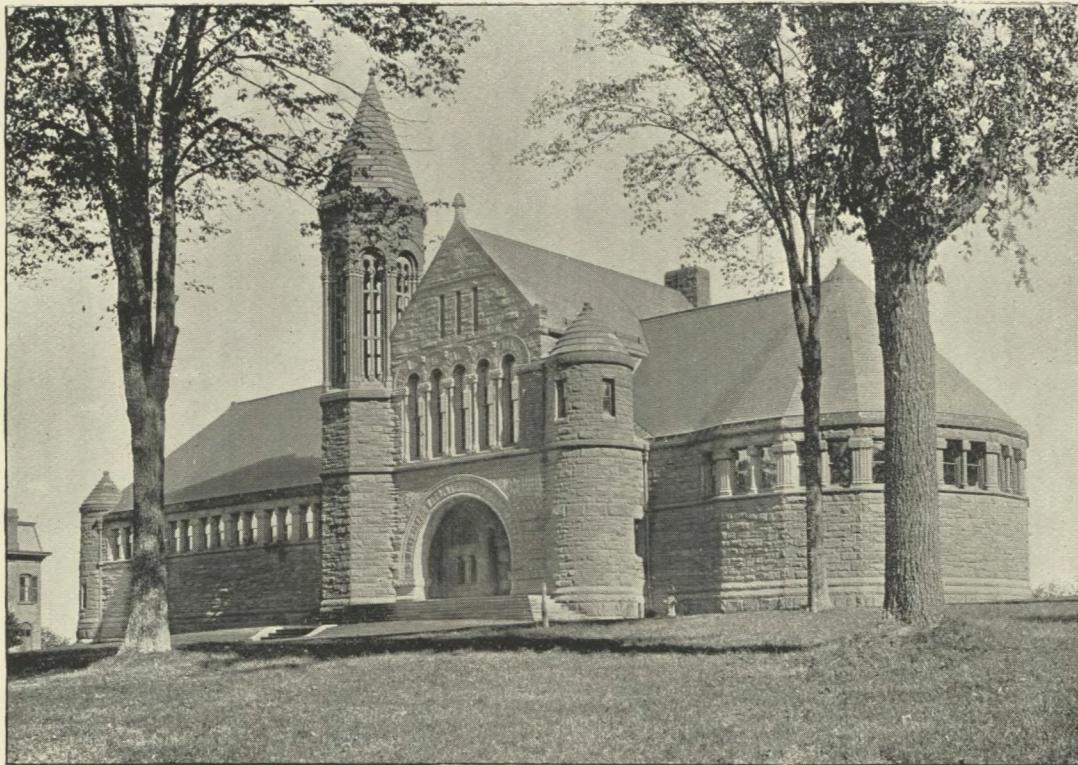
With this suggestion for thought and action and with a request that the chapters of the district will in turn introduce themselves to me,

Most loyally yours,

HARRIET LUCRETIA FUNCK,

Epsilon.





UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT—BILLINGS LIBRARY. (*From Picturesque Burlington.*)

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

THE far-seeing founders of the State of Vermont were alive to the importance of a State system of education. The first constitution of the Independent State of Vermont declared that "one university in this State ought to be established by the General Assembly," and in the first year after the admission of Vermont into the Union, the University of Vermont was chartered by the legislature on the 3d day of November, 1791. Its early history is a record of hard struggle for existence through arduous vicissitudes of poverty, war and fire, but it lived and grew, and in time prospered, till now it ranks among not only the oldest but among the best and strongest of New England colleges.

It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful location for an institution of learning than that occupied by the University of Vermont; it is situated upon a gradually rising hill that fronts two noble ranges of mountains and is bathed upon one side by the most historic and one of the fairest of American lakes, and upon the other by a river flowing alternately through broad intervalle meadows and picturesque gorges. The visitor to the college will be amply repaid for the labor of climbing to the bell-deck of the tower of the main building. In clear weather the Champlain valley lies as in a panorama before him, with the Green Mountains standing as a verdant wall on the east, and the Adirondacks, fold on fold, in the west. Below him is the lake with its islands, its jutting points of land, its deep-indented bays, and its watercraft propelled by wind or steam, and the city of Burlington, half hidden by the elms and maples which overarch the streets, the Winooski river winding through the meadows, and the villages near and remote which dot the landscape in every direction. To the north in a clear day may be discerned Mount Royal at the back of the Canadian city which is named from it, while

the range to the south is almost equally extensive. The loftiest peaks of both ranges of mountains are in full view, and the whole scene offers such an engaging combination of art and nature in one cyclorama as cannot easily be matched in or out of the United States.

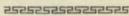
The main building of the University stands upon the crown of the hill just described ; it contains the chapel, and some of the recitation rooms and dormitories. The corner-stone of this building was laid by General Lafayette during his visit to this country in 1825, and a monument to him, surmounted by one of J. Q. A. Ward's finest statues in bronze, fitly graces the college park. North of the main building is the handsome new science building of granite, the gift of Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia, and beyond that stands the beautiful Billings Library, a red sandstone structure in the Romanesque style of architecture, designed by the great architect, Richardson, and universally admitted to be the finest college library building in America. This magnificent building was the gift to the University of her honored and beloved alumnus, Hon. Frederick Billings. Mr. Richardson himself said of it, a short time before his death, "It is the best thing I have yet done." Forming another side of the quadrangle stand the President's residence, the Museum and Park Gallery of Art, the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering buildings and the "Commons Hall"—the students' dining-hall. At the extreme north end of the College Green stands the medical building, containing a large amphitheatre, laboratories, dissecting room and museum. The agricultural department is represented by the State Experiment Farm buildings, creamery, green-house, apiary and a building containing the library, lecture and dissecting rooms and laboratories. On the eastern side of the quadrangle has been erected this year a beautiful and commodious dormitory building of marble, the gift of Mr. John H. Converse of Philadelphia, a generous alumnus, who has, with Dr. Williams, adorned

the vicinity of the College Green with three elegant stone residences of modern architecture to be occupied by members of the Faculty. The College Green itself, part of the original fifty acre lot deeded by Ira Allen (Ethan Allen's brother) as a site for the University, is now one of the finest college parks in New England, and the associations which cluster about it add a subtle and poetic charm to its ever-increasing natural beauty.



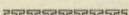
EDITORIALS.

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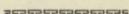
We regret deeply that the long illness of our president, Miss Smith, has made it impossible for her to attend to all her fraternity duties during the last quarter.

When Miss Smith is well and at her post everything moves so promptly and smoothly that even her temporary absence is felt throughout the whole fraternity.

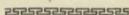


We welcome with a great deal of pleasure another alumni chapter at Minneapolis, and wish our elder sisters great joy in their new organization.

Nothing speaks so well for a fraternity as the continued active interest of its alumni, and Kappa Alpha Theta testifies proudly to the devotion of her members in the alumni chapters which live and thrive in many of our large cities.



Some complaints have been made because changes of address have not found their way more promptly to the directory. If names and addresses are sent to the editor in time, they are sure to be printed, but please remember the directory is the very first page of the JOURNAL that is printed, and any notices for that page must be sent to the printer at least two weeks before the time for publication.



Convention is drawing near and very few of the chapters seem to be discussing plans for it. The chapters should choose their delegates without further delay and see that they are properly in-

structed in the work which needs to be done and in the most business-like way to do it.

It is unfair to the delegates upon whom the whole business of the fraternity depends to postpone their appointment until the last moment. They should have time not only to get a different dress made for each day and each evening of convention week, but to prepare themselves to preside at a business session if called upon to do so and to carry out well and in an orderly manner the instructions of their chapters.

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"How shall we make our fraternity life count most for us both in the present and future? That question has come up repeatedly in our chapter and so I suppose it has in others. We felt that we were wasting time, that we ought to have a regular plan of work for our fraternity meetings, but when any such thing was tried we found that it could not be kept up. We really had no time for such things. What was the matter, were we deficient in some of the qualities that we ought to have? We wondered and were troubled. One of our old girls, a charter member, and a woman who has had a great deal of experience in life, in a letter to us on Reunion Day, said this: 'I would like to say to the girls, 'Don't work so hard, take things more easily.' ' That is it; we are living too fast. The hurry and excitement of everyday life has struck the fraternity. There is no need for programs and plans for work. Our fraternity is not a literary society, neither is it a suffrage club, nor a temperance nor missionary society.

I do not mean to say that a fraternity girl should do no outside work, far from it. If she has time and inclination, let her do it by all means, but the fraternity is not an organization for such purposes. The fraternity should to a great extent take the place of the home. Let it be the place for breeding and cherishing good influences; for making character that shall be strong for its work in the world. Let the meetings be breathing spells in the week's hurry, places where each one may say and do the thing which interests her most; where individuality is fostered, not suppressed.

I have observed in the letters of the old girls to us that the pleasantest memories to them are those of the good old social times, when they sat in groups round the hall, and talked of the

things nearest to them, and each one felt strengthened and encouraged by discussing her plans and her hopes with the others. Perhaps their conversation was not very edifying ; perhaps some of it would even be called foolish, but we cannot always be wise, always thinking and talking of things that will instruct and improve our minds. Moreover, there are other, I had almost said better, things than Latin, Greek, literature, mathematics, suffrage clubs, and missionary societies. There are men and women who create these things and are served by them. Let us know each other well, learn to take an interest in the lives of those around us. If we have more time than we can dispose of, let us use it in a social way, not formally social, but heartily so.

I want to tell you of our social meetings, which have been so successful with us that I would like to have you all try them. They are held every two weeks, two of us superintend the supper, and not a thought of business is allowed to intrude. At first we arranged programs for entertainment, but they were not allowed to interfere with the conversation, and in fact I do not remember that they were used at all after the first meeting. At any rate they have been completely crowded out, and are not even thought of now. Each one brings up anything that happens to strike her, we very often have a letter or two from some of the 'old girls,' and 'all goes merry as a marriage bell.' We are growing to know and appreciate each other more and more every day, and it is not unusual to hear from one or another of us the remark that, 'We never had such good times before.' It is such things as this that will make our fraternity life a happy, healthful time to look back upon.

So, girls, however hard we work, and whatever we do, let us keep our fraternity and our meetings sacred. They may be the source of inspiration to great exertion in our everyday life, a refuge where we may find calm, restful pleasure. We will be better for such breathing places, and will do better college work, and 'Let the old world wag as it will, we'll be gay and happy,' with a spirit ready alike for its smile or its frown ; but do not let us work too hard or be in too much of a hurry to do something great in the world. Life is too pleasant to be hurried along and away in that fashion."

These lines from the gay and festive *Anchora* express our own ideas on chapter life so completely that we steal them for our readers, hoping that they will enjoy their chapter privileges with lighter hearts and clearer consciences for having read them.

The present board of editors, as long as the JOURNAL shall be under their control, propose to publish in each number one or two pictures of the buildings of some college where a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta exists, together with a short sketch of the institution. We begin in this number with our own Alma Mater as the cuts were most easily obtained ; they were already in existence and were kindly loaned to us, making the expense of the illustrations very slight. Probably most of our colleges have such cuts which would be loaned to the chapters located there, sent to us with a sketch of the college and promptly returned by us as soon as used.

If chapters which can procure such cuts will please communicate with Mrs. W. B. Gates, we will consider it a favor and will publish the cuts in the order in which such advices are received.

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If the chapters will not send regular reports to the business manager of the number of their members, they can hardly expect to receive the proper number of JOURNALS for each quarter. Up to the present time, after nearly four years of experience, the number of such reports received by the present business manager can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and she has been left to blindly guess at the number of JOURNALS required by each chapter, as best she might. Now, however, she rebels and each chapter *must* report two weeks before each quarter the number of copies required of that issue, to Mrs. W. B. Gates, 57 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, Vt.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Alpha District.

CHI.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., December 14th.

Dear Thetas:

I feel that Chi ought to make you all an apology for having kept silent so long. It has not been because we have had nothing to tell about. Since the last chapter letter in the Journal commencement has come and gone. Chi graduated the four brightest girls in the class of '94. Three of these are now teaching, and one is in a medical college. Even last spring the girls were all busy planning for our new chapter house, and it was all ready then, theoretically, for them to move in. But in some way the plans did not all work, and the girls arrived here the day before college opened, and found a very bare-looking place to call home. They worked all day and almost all night until everything was put in perfect order. It was necessary to hurry in order to have things ready for the rushing party. This was a very pretty affair. The house was decorated with flowers and everything seemed so new and altogether charming,—especially when we realized that it was *our* house. Our district president, Mary Brown, spent the rushing season with us, and proved a great help in every way. I quite pity the chapters who have to do without her in times of need. On one afternoon we gave a coaching party which was a great success. The Freshman class this year is much larger than usual and there were a great many girls in it who we knew to be

desirable fraternity girls. Chi tries not to boast of her success, but I may say that outsiders have told us that we have the best Freshman delegation in college. At any rate I can assure you that they are all worthy Thetas. Let me introduce them.—Four live in the city,—Genevieve Barnes, Mabel Northrup, Katharine Foster and Lena Rhodes. Three live in Mexico, N. Y.,—Gertrude Vergil, Lena Hoose and Edith Knight. Then come last but by no means least Lottie Gooding and Elizabeth Burlingame. We have one pledgeling, Miss Heimes of Oswego, who is taking special work this year. We shall initiate her when she enters regularly next fall. The rushing season closed as usual with a banquet. I don't like to mention this as I was forced to miss it, but the girls tell very incredible tales of the amount they ate and the excellency of the toasts following. If they only would modify their statements in regard to eating I could believe all they claim about the toasts.

I should like to give a description of our house, but hope that many of you will come and see it next fall. If any chapters think of going into a house soon, just write to Chi for a good scheme for running the house on a financially sound basis. I must not close this letter without introducing our chaperone, Miss Beebe, who is the nicest woman in the world, excepting, of course, our mothers.

Dr. Day, our new chancellor, is doing a great deal for the University. The men quite adore him because he is enthusiastic in support of athletics, a department of college life formerly discouraged here. He is thoroughly in sympathy with all the best elements of student life, but will not tolerate any violation of the laws of order and decency. Thus he has succeeded in putting down many of the customary conflicts between the two lower classes. A new course in Belles Lettres has been introduced, and the old courses have been strengthened. We hope soon to have another building on our campus—a Science Hall. I hope I have

succeeded in giving some idea of the prosperity of the University in general and of Chi in particular.

With best wishes for next term for all the sister chapters,

CHI.

IOTA.

ITHACA, N. Y.

Dear Thetas :

Iota began its fall term with every promise that it should be a pleasant one. Eight of us have been together at Professor Prentiss', and this seemed like a first step toward a chapter house. We started with eleven active members, and toward the end of October we initiated another member, Isadore Mudge '97, making twelve in all. The wife of one of our most popular professors, Mrs. Dennis, who is a graduate of Ann Arbor, and who was a member of the original chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at that University, has been welcomed back by us as an Iota member. We were also glad to welcome from Chi Miss Ada Parker, who is doing graduate work in English literature; and from Beta, Mrs. Mitchell, who is now living in town.

Three of our own girls have given us happy surprises by coming back unexpectedly. Janet Sheldon, who graduated in architecture last year, spent three weeks with us. Cora Smith, also of '94, who left us for a while, has come back and is living at her home in Ithaca. Estella Vedder, '92, took us all very much by surprise one day, and made us happy by staying with us four days. Of our three other members who left us last year, Margaret Washburn, who is teaching Psychology at Wells College, comes down to Cornell often enough to make us feel that we have not lost her yet. Katharine Edwards is Associate Professor of Greek at Wellesley and Clara Schouton is teaching French and German at Gouverneur, N. Y.

This year all or nearly all the Freshmen and new students have been at Sage, and the fraternities have been outside. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta agreed upon November the seventeenth for Asking Day, and the date was made known to the new girls.

We began the term socially with a reception at Mrs. Prentiss' to all the new girls. Later we gave two small parties at our rooms. On Hallowe'en we had another little party at Professor Bristol's. The evening's frivolity started with a Witch Dance. The usual Hallowe'en tricks followed, and the festivities closed with dancing. The Saturday before Thanksgiving we gave a dancing party at Mrs. Wait's. Of the girls we asked only those whom we had invited to the Fraternity.

So far we have three girls formally pledged, and two who cannot give their final answers until after Christmas. We do not want to hurry the girls in deciding, but we are hopeful that we may be able to show an addition to our number this year which will be an honor to the Fraternity.

We wish all Thetas a most successful and happy year.

IOTA.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, Swarthmore, Pa., Dec. 3, '94.

Dear Sisters :

So quickly has the time sped this fall that to Alpha Beta it seems scarcely possible that another Journal letter is so soon to be written. Perhaps this may be accounted for by the later appearance of the October journal, in which the idea of a later publication of "Kappa Alpha Theta" in the autumn seems to be an excellent one. Then our chapter letters could be written after the opening of the college year and under less disadvantage.

Certainly all our sisters seem to have spent a universally happy summer, and how many chapter houses were awaiting their Theta occupants. Ah, this is a home-coming denied Alpha Beta, but she rejoices for her more fortunate sisters.

Our silver wedding surely should not pass without some celebration, and if a plan, such as was suggested in the last Journal, could be adopted it would be a fitting and delightful way to pay homage to our fraternity and establish a land-mark in its existence. The idea of the exchange of photographs greatly pleases Alpha Beta as she feels she would like to become better acquainted with her sisters.

Pledge day at Swarthmore has come and gone, and new sisters are rapidly filling up the gaps made last June. With the exception of our initiations our life so far this year has been comparatively uneventful, but in our next chapter letter Alpha Beta hopes to have something very interesting to relate to you.

With the hope that you have all avoided that disagreeable occupation—rushing—and have now the girls you desired,

Yours in Kappa Alpha Theta,

ALPHA BETA.

MU.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, }
December 5, 1894. }

Dear Theta Sisters :

This term has been a very happy and prosperous one for Mu. The rushing contest was very fierce this fall, but we came out with flying colors, winning all the girls whom we desired. Although but two in number, they have already proved to be a strong addition.

At the end of last spring term we initiated Anna Campbell and Jessie Hogate, two of our pledged members, and this fall

Edna Hayes, another pledging, was initiated. We have now only one pledged member, and hope that she, too, will soon be a full-fledged Theta.

We have adopted a new plan for our fraternity meetings this winter. One evening of each month, after a short business session, is literary, one social, one devoted to the study of the constitution and general fraternity matters, and the last to entertainment. We expect in this way to derive both profit and pleasure from our meetings.

There have been an unusual number of pleasant social events this term.

The Alpha Province of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ held its convention in Meadville early in the term, and the resident chapter gave a large and elegant reception in honor of the delegates.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the season was the one given last month by Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Smith to their respective fraternities, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $K A \Theta$. The evening was very pleasantly spent in penny-reading, dancing and singing fraternity songs.

We gave an "at home" in our rooms a few weeks ago to some of our friends in the city.

At the invitation of the $K K I$'s, an interfraternal meeting of the three sororities of the college was held in their rooms. The time passed very enjoyably with music, conversation and dancing.

We think this mingling of fraternities will develop a broader and more generous fraternity spirit.

The $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s each gave an informal party to their friends on Thanksgiving eve. Our fraternity was well represented at both gatherings.

With best wishes to Kappa Alpha Theta, from

MU.

ALPHA GAMMA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, }
December, 1894. }

Dear Sisters in Theta :

It is with a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that we send our quarterly letter to the JOURNAL. This term, so nearly over, has been even more successful than our hopes in the fall anticipated. In the first place we opened our work this year with a very enthusiastic meeting on the afternoon before registration day. Most of the girls were present and we parted with our plans all ready for the rushing season.

On the first Saturday afternoon of the term, Alpha Gamma gave a reception to all the new girls in college. The morning of that day dawned bright and clear, but in the afternoon the rain poured down in torrents, to the great dismay of the girls. However, a little later than expected, the guests came, and we felt that fate was not against us, for all had a very pleasant time, and the girls that we wanted came.

About two weeks later we entertained a select few of the new girls at the home of Annis McLaughlin. The evening was delightfully spent in telling ghost stories in a darkened room, roasting marshmallows on long sticks before an open fire, in general conversation and dancing.

After dainty refreshments were served, the girls left with regrets that the evening had passed so swiftly.

Alpha Gamma was not long in deciding upon the girls she wanted, and her bids have been very successful. Three new girls were soon pledged. The next event of importance in the chapter life was the initiation.

On the east side of High St., the principal street in Columbus, and the one that is travelled by the majority of the students on their way to and from college, stands a large brick house. It belongs to the aunt of Dessa High, one of our '92 initiates. On the 15th of October, we found ourselves the sole occupants of this large house, furnished throughout, through the extreme kindness of its mistress, who let us have it for our initiation.

You may be sure that we never had a more splendid initiation. From garret to cellar preparations had been made to receive the pledged girls into the sisterhood with due pomp and solemnity. They were brought to the house blindfolded, and none of them knew what part of the city they were in until it was all over. After a most successful initiation, we had a light repast, and then surprised our initiates by telling them that we were all going to spend the night in the house together with a chaperon to take care of us.

Another pleasant surprise of the evening was the presence of our Theta sister, Jessie Edwards '94, of Mu chapter.

It was almost daylight before all the girls settled down into slumber and the house became quiet. The next morning we had a substantial Theta breakfast prepared by Thetas.

At the chapel hour we appeared at college in a body, announcing the new sisters with black and gold in the usual way.

On October 28, we entertained a few of the Kappas and Pi Phis at the home of Edith Bell, in honor of Jessie Edwards.

On the evening of the 23d of October, Mrs. Smith entertained the Thetas and their friends in honor of her guest, Miss Edwards. Music and dancing were the main features of the evening, and delightful refreshments were served by the hostess. During the rushing season Helen Patterson visited her Theta sisters.

The next event that we are looking forward to with great pleasure is the initiation of Jennie Doren, sister of Katherine Doren, next Saturday night.

Our chapter life is pleasant and successful. We shall have sixteen active members when Jennie Doren becomes one of us, for we still have as an active member Edith Cockins, who is taking graduate work. Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the chapters, we are ever yours in the Theta sisterhood,

ALPHA GAMMA.

Beta District.

DELTA.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Dear Thetas :

Delta was too wee and tiny to write a letter for the last Journal. She is growing now and has learned her A B C's, so she wants to let her sister chapters know she's here yet.

Entrance day at college showed one kite and in spite of hopes and prayers that was the extent of Delta in the literary college. Now we want you to know Harriet Dement Packard and Julia Toole as Thetas of whom we're very proud. They are on the faculty and with our two other faculty sisters are quite able to take care of their one undergraduate member.

Our prospects are bright for the year and we expect to initiate some lovely girls the first of next term, and in the meantime one dozen or so resident members are working with us in fine shape. Theta spirit never rose higher among the preps or active members either.

Miss Mary Potter gave Theta and a few chosen a spread in September, which we will all remember for the good time we had and then because it was the last time we saw Miss Mattie Myres,

who soon after married Mr. C. C. Smith in Pomona, Cal. Delta wishes her all happiness.

Ada Brewer, '94, was with us the first few weeks of the term and helped us, we can't tell you how much.

Hollowe'en we gave our regular party. This time we took our friends in hacks seven miles in the country to the home of Belle Porter. We ate, danced, drank and played games and pranks all over the house and you couldn't have found the ghost of formality. It was a great success and we'll try it again some time.

We foresee other good times we mustn't mention here.

Girls, how about your initiation services? Have you all got Ada Brewers and Lelia Means? Delta would like to show you hers at the convention. We think we have the sweetest, most solemn and dearest ceremony with all the accessories that any one could devise and all the fun needed.

If any of you come along our way we'll be glad to give you the grip and learn to love some more Thetas.

Vive la K A Θ.

DELTA.

TAU.

EVANSTON, ILL.

Dear Thetas:

It seems a long time since Tau last greeted her Theta sisters through the JOURNAL, therefore her greeting is all the more hearty. You cannot imagine how glad we all were to meet together once more in September. We numbered just as many as last spring, our '94 graduate's place being filled by Grace Dietrich, who was kept at home last year by illness. But Theta was not forgotten during the summer, for the town girls saw a great deal of each other, though, of course, no regular fraternity meetings

were held. About the first of August, Alta Miller gave a delightful tea in honor of several Thetas then visiting in Evanston, so we had quite a Theta reunion. Ella Moore also entertained us in August, so that when college opened we were very enthusiastic, imbued with the true Theta spirit and ready for action. We had a great deal of fun rushing and although we did not rush our "hardest", the five finest girls in the Freshman class now wear the kite. During the term we have had four or five spreads in addition to our regular Monday evening "feast of reason and flow of soul". Last month Gamma Phi Beta held its annual convention in Evanston and of course during the visit of the delegates the college world was unusually social. Tau gave a reception to all the sororities at Northwestern in honor of the guests, and we greatly enjoyed meeting sorority girls from other colleges. Alpha Phi also entertained the convention. We are very glad to have Katherine Winans of Omicron with us this year and through her hope to become better acquainted with our sisters in Southern California. Tau is very much interested in receiving the chapter reports. They keep us in touch with our sister chapters and from all that we have heard thus far we learn that Theta is keeping up her high standard. Two of our girls, Jessie and Ida Sawyer of Streator, Ill., will make their home in Evanston after the holidays.

As for affairs strictly "University-al" the "Coffee Club" and "Der Deutsche Gesellschaft" still flourish. Our German department is becoming very strong and a great interest in it is shown by the Germans in the city. At our celebration of Hans Sach's four-hundredth birthday, about one hundred Germans from Chicago were present. Even if we cannot play foot-ball now we are developing a team the very mention of which in future years is sure to strike terror into the hearts of mankind. The Orrington Lunt Library is finally completed and adds one more charm to our beautiful campus. You cannot imagine (and I don't suppose we can either) how picturesque we look, going to and fro on the

campus, our gowns (for you must know that the powers that be have ordered us to wear the Oxford cap and gown) wildly waving in the breeze, while we make frantic attempts to keep on our mortar-boards. The debaters of our University are now preparing for the annual debate with Michigan and of course we hope again to keep them from using "that brass band." We except to celebrate Theta's silver wedding by holding our annual reception on that day or as near it as possible. Tau sends greetings to all her sisters and wishes them all a very Happy New Year.

TAU.

Pi.

ALBION, MICH.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Pi is again glad to renew her correspondence to the JOURNAL and sends greeting to her sister chapters. College opened later than usual this year, so that our letter did not reach the last JOURNAL.

We do not realize how much love we have for our Theta sisters until we are separated, each in a different place and away from all college associations ; we wonder what we would do without our fraternity. We wish that more might enjoy this relation of sisterhood.

We return to school this term with lessened numbers and feel the loss of three strong girls, graduates of last spring, Mary Garfield, Edith Valentine and Ella Sloate. Yet our number is not so small as usual at the beginning of the year; besides each girl returned to school life again after a long vacation with renewed interest and enthusiasm for the success of Theta. With the thought of our duty as a chapter we have worked most zealously. The brightest prospects lay before us. Now we are set-

tled in our school work, after success has crowned our efforts and we are proud of the four girls whom we can call our very own.

On Saturday evening, October 13th, Florence Custer and Maud Staley were introduced to the mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta. The initiation was held in the hall, late in the afternoon, and in the evening we were most royally entertained at the Theta home of Mary Garfield. Next term we expect to initiate two pledges who are anxiously awaiting the time with much pleasure and we believe that we shall find in these new girls true, noble Thetas.

More than the usual number of entertainments have taken up our time this term besides the many informal spreads in which Theta has been well represented.

A Woman's League has recently been formed, through the effort of our preceptress, Miss Bancroft, consisting of the faculty ladies and all college girls. The purpose of the League is to bring all the girls in touch with each other, and thus make their social life in college more enjoyable. There are five divisions of the League with one of our girls, Zulu E. Fast, as president. The different divisions are entertained at the homes of the ladies of the faculty and are a source of enjoyment to all.

Not long since we were called upon to mourn with our sister, Rose Keenan, one of our charter members, the death of her husband.

Pi chapter has enjoyed a prosperous term thus far and the rest of the year promises to be as bright.

With best wishes to all Thetas,

PI.

ETA.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.

The women of the University of Michigan have but one topic of conversation just now—one hears it on the campus, in the

halls and at the boarding houses. It is the much belated, long expected gymnasium. In the mornings it is given up to the women and the sight of a throng of girls running, vaulting and disporting themselves on rings and parallel bars is a novel sight in Ann Arbor. To many of you, all this I presume is an old story, but we are now very much in the state of mind of a child with a new toy.

This fall the only sorority unrepresented in Ann Arbor made its appearance, and now that Delta Delta Delta is here the sororities number eight, besides Collegiate Sorosis, which is non-secret but ranks with the fraternities. Last year there was an inter-sorority agreement as to rushing and bidding which worked very well, but the attempt to revive it this year was a failure and each sorority did as it pleased in the matter. Rushing has been quite subdued for some time, however, though most of the initiations have only just taken place. We have moved even more slowly than usual, have pledged but one girl, Harriet Waller '97, and have held no initiation as yet. Our small circle is so very congenial that we are super-sensitive about endangering its serenity. We wish to thank Phi for sending us such a treasure in Nellie McCaughan, whom we have already learned to love very dearly—their loss is a great gain to us. We have had the pleasure of meeting two Thetas from abroad this fall, Mrs. Swayne, who, with her husband, the President of Indiana State University, was visiting in Ann Arbor, and Mrs. Andrew Browne of Chicago, a former member of Iota, who was called here by the death of Mrs. Gayley-Browne, "the mother of the university."

We had glowing accounts of Tau's gracious hospitality from the Michigan delegates to the Gamma Phi convention. It made us glad that we could call such charming hostesses by the name of sister.

Apropos of the Kappa Alpha exchange in the October JOURNAL, would it not be well to do something to rid our friends of the

idea that Kappa Alpha Theta is capable of little beyond pretty gowns and conventional talk of "our set?" To be sure, one might derive that idea from a perusal of the JOURNAL, but is this a fair exponent of the spirit of the fraternity? As college women of the last decade of the nineteenth century, are we not belittling ourselves to show the world in our fraternity publication so much of the trivial side of our character? If we mean to take our place worthily in the world for which our college life is but a preparation, to join in its best and broadest movements, why should we neglect such an opportunity as the JOURNAL affords for information and inspiration along those lines? It would seem from this exchange that the *Arrow* is the pioneer in that field. May she not be destined to hold undisputed sway there. Eta is pretty young to preach but hopes to be forgiven for this little outburst, which nevertheless comes from the heart. Eta for her part feels herself capable of something beyond "talking of nice music, lovely ices, and the latest gossip" to series of conventional young men, and moreover doesn't care to believe that she is at all the exception among Thetas.

We are looking forward to the January JOURNAL with high expectations of brilliant suggestions as to the celebration of our twenty-fifth anniversary. This seems to be a red letter year for silver weddings—it was just twenty-five years ago that the first woman student of the University of Michigan was admitted.

Fraternally,

ETA.

PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Psi once more sends greeting to the Theta Chapters, and wishes to apologize for her absence from the Chapter correspondence of the last JOURNAL. The omission can only be explained as

an unpardonable oversight on the part of the corresponding editor.

Our year thus far has been a happy and a prosperous one. We occupy the same Chapter House that we did last year, and with the improvements which we expect to make in it next term we think that our home will be a very delightful one.

We realize what a source of strength and pleasure it is to us in our rushing. Professor and Mrs. Coffin have made our lodge life very delightful this fall, and we have an added pleasure in having Mrs. Coffin a Theta, from Iota Chapter.

Our resident members who are not in the University have taken an active interest in our work, and have been very helpful to us.

They are present at many of our fraternity meetings, and several of them have pleasantly entertained us at their homes.

We were sadly disappointed when Anna Pinkum, one of our pledged members, was obliged to discontinue her studies this fall, on account of illness, but we expect to have her, and her sister also, in the house with us next term.

Several of our old girls have visited us this fall. Among them are Mae Evans, Belle Austin, Margaret Stiles and Anna Strong. We have also made the acquaintance of Miss Mabel Gray, of Omega Chapter, who visited in Madison early in the term.

Two weddings have occurred in our Chapter this year.

Daisy Chadwick, '93, was married to Mr. Fred Balender, at her home in Monroe in September.

Gertrude Eager, '96, was married to Mr. Lyle Humphrey, Thanksgiving day, at Evansville, and will reside in Madison.

A charter of Pi Beta Phi has been granted to nine girls this term, increasing the number of sororities in U. W. to five.

With loyalty to Theta,

Psi.

UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, }
Thanksgiving Day, 1894. }

Dear Thetas:

Since Upsilon is guilty of not having a letter in the last JOURNAL, she may be allowed perhaps to combine the two into one and put two quarters' news into one quarter's letter.

Last summer as a chapter we were able to get together only once, but a number of the girls camped for several weeks at Devil's Lake and brought back reports of such a delightful time as to make us all envious.

When the "U" opened this fall we had a small chapter of nine, which we increased in due time to fifteen. We were late in our initiation this fall but all the initiations were late this year and as it was we were among the first "out."

Please, somebody tell us when you have your meetings. We are thinking we may have to meet on Sunday, all other times are taken. We are sure no other chapter has so much college work and hours so badly arranged. We do manage to have some good times together, however, in spite of the work. We are hoping next term's work will be more accommodating.

We have a good many alumnae in the Twin Cities from other chapters as well as our own. They are talking of organizing an alumnae chapter, which, if they do, will add a good deal of strength to the active chapter.

Our new University Library and chapel is nearing completion and we expect to move into it next term. It is quite a work of art, its style being that of the Parthenon in so far as it was practical.

The foot ball season is over. Minnesota takes great pride in her foot ball team, but alas! pride goeth before a fall! Our team suffered from Madison this fall the first defeat it has experienced

for some time. No one expected it, not even Madison, and we were surprised and disappointed.

With Thanksgiving greeting, hoping you all have as much reason for gratitude as we, and more if possible, we remain,

Yours in Theta sisterhood,

UPSILON.

KAPPA.

KANSAS UNIVERSITY, Dec. 1894.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Kappa has not been idle since her last report, having added four charming girls to her circle, three of whom, Katharine Dunn, Florence Clark and Eva Way, were initiated on November 6th; the fourth, Mable Sayre, will not be initiated until spring. We are very proud of our girls, who seem to have all the qualities combined necessary to make them loving and loyal sisters and a credit to *K. A. θ.*

We would like to tell you of all the lovely times we have had this year, but as our space is limited will only mention a few of them. On October 6th we gave an "open frat" at the home of Edith Clark, at which time Professor Dunlap talked to us about Shakspere's "Tempest," which was very interesting and was enjoyed by all. Again on November 25th we, together with a number of invited guests, met to hear a paper by Mrs. W. H. Carruth on "An Hour with Hans Sachs." Mrs. Carruth is such a pleasant lady and her paper proved so entertaining that we were soon transported back four centuries to the old town of Nuremberg, the home of Hans Sachs. Mrs. Carruth is the wife of one of our university professors and has kindly written the article which appears in this number, on the life of our dear sister, Marcella Howland, who was so suddenly called from our midst.

While attending the university, Marcella was in one of Mrs. Carruth's classes and she too learned to love her, as did all with whom she came in contact.

On "Hallowe'en" we were entertained by our "baby," Mable Sayre. We played all the tricks and games peculiar to that evening, letting nothing interfere or prevent our having a jolly good time, and dispersed at a late hour, feeling that Mable knew how to make a jolly crowd of girls enjoy themselves in the fullest sense of the word.

Less attention than usual has been paid to "society" this year; nevertheless, at the few parties given, as heretofore, our girls have been well represented.

On Wednesday next, December 5th, at 6:00 P. M., our circle will be broken by the marriage of our sister, Mary Stone, to Mr. Edward Ellison of Kansas City, Mo.

Although Mary will not be a very great distance from us, yet there will be other interests requiring her time and attention and she will be greatly missed in our gatherings and in our many undertakings, in which she always took such an active part. The Thetas, among other guests, are invited to her home the evening preceding her wedding.

The students of K. U. are looking forward to the Chancellor's annual reception next Friday evening, it being the time for a general hand-shaking among the students.

In closing, Kappa wishes you a very happy vacation and the best success for the winter.

Very lovingly,

KAPPA.

Gamma District.

PHI.

LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY,
PALO ALTO, CAL. }

Every one is as justified in saying "How time flies!" as in speaking about the weather. But we of the summer-land claim, with our flowers and fair skies, the privilege to say it a little oftener. Days get a better start when there are no snow storms or blizzards in their baggage. It hardly seems possible that it's time for another exchange of chapter greetings. Phi ought to say something new. That's a requirement with students about as absolute as the small boy's demand that all his Christmas gifts make a noise. About as reasonable too, perhaps. At any rate Phi is happy—happier than when she said so last time. I've a friend who sings softly always, about the house.

"And what have you, dear, to make you so glad?" I sometimes ask.

The answer is always the same.

"Oh, everything!"

My small brother, in high rubber boots, puts his hands in his kilt-felt, and draws himself up, to present with force his final argument for the purchase of a new velocipede.

"Mama, all the boys have dot 'em."

"All?" asks Mama quietly.

"Well; most all."

"Has Tommy one?"

"Why-er, no, Tommy has'nt dot one."

"Jack perhaps?"

"No Jackie's aint come yet—well, Ted's—he's the one 'ats dot it."

Mary E. Wilkins says: "Nothing is immortal in us but the child." Her remark helps me often to understand people. It makes me think now that you will call the little boy's power of pleading a family trait, if I don't tell you what Phi has to make her happy. Three new girls. That's first, of course. Deeper love for the old ones, as time shows us more of their hearts. Then, to come down to material things, we have had several gifts for our house. Just now we are awaiting with impatience the coming of a new set of dishes. We have had some social successes; several parties besides the regular at home. One coaching party through the moonlit valley to Los Gatos, a banquet and dance there in the new packing-house of our brother's ranch; and after a lunch the long merry, drive home. Some of our girls have been scoring successes in college work too.

So, you see, we have reason to send our glad greetings.

PHI.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, }
BERKELEY, Nov. 28, 1894. }

A great deal seems to have taken place in our lives since our last letter, though perhaps it is not all of such interest to our Theta sisters.

After much worry and work we successfully moved ourselves into a new Chapter Hall, a smaller house than our old one, as at present we have only three members to occupy it, though we expect to have four next term. These, with our kindly chaperone,

form a pleasant home and a nucleus for the rest to cluster around. The two points about our house in which we glory most have really little connection with it—the view and the walk to college. The house is situated just outside the university grounds, and as we come out of recitations with minds full of "Trig" and "Conics" we are much refreshed by the green hedges, the bright masses of geranium, and the rich back-ground of fir, cypress and pittosporum. Being on a hill, we have a superb view of the bay, and can sit in our parlor and watch the sun sink down into the Golden Gate.

What will our sisters think of us? We have another wedding to record. On August 28th, Ruth Wales Hobson was married in San Francisco, to Mr. William S. T. Smith. The bride and bridegroom have made Los Angeles their home.

This year we had a prolonged rushing season and finally initiated five girls into our circle—Susan Clark '98, Mary Maxwell '98, Bertha Newell '98, Edna Wickson '98 and Maud Sutton '97. We feel that all are girls to do our Kappa Alpha Theta credit. Initiation, as usual, was our great event of the term, an event which not only gives us new sisters, but brings some of our loved alumnae together again. We were glad, too, to have one of our Phi sisters with us.

Recently we have welcomed a new organization into our college, that of Sorosis. On November 9, the night of our last Frat. dinner, we invited all the members of Sorosis to our Chapter House, and a very pleasant evening was spent with games and college songs. On November 3, an enjoyable reception was given by Gamma Phi Beta to Sorosis and Kappa Alpha Theta, thus bringing together all the women's societies of our University.

This week we have a series of college excitements. All studies are over for four days. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day, the day appointed for the great inter-collegiate foot-ball match between our University and Stanford, followed by the theatre

party. We have a day to rest and then comes Junior Day with its farce in the morning and promenade in the evening. But after this week—then study and Xmas “exes”—so we are always kept busy in one way or another.

With the best wishes to all,

OMEGA.



PERSONALS.

Alpha Beta.

Caroline P. Sargent, '94 is teaching in St. Paul, Minn.

Anna Atkinson '94 is at Friends' Academy, Locust Valley, L. I.

Mable G. Miller '98 was initiated into *K. A. θ.*, November 6, 1894.

Lydia P. Williams '97 was also initiated November 14, 1894.

Edith Lamb '98 and Mary J. Williams '98 were initiated December 5, 1894.

Pi.

Miss Amelia Perkins '92 was married to Ira E. Cutler, August 1st.

On July 24th Miss Lotta Rich was married at her home, Pontiac, Mich., to Mr. Clarence Allen '94.

Miss Grace Powell, one of our pledgeings, was married September 12th to Mr. Wm. Miller, Stryker, Ohio.

Edith Valentine '94 made her Theta sisters a short visit in October.

Marian L. Hathaway '93 has accepted a position as preceptress of the St. Clair High Schools.

Ella Sloate '94 is teaching in Detroit.

Mary Garfield '94 holds a position as teacher in the Albion High Schools.

Theo. Gardner has again renewed Theta associations after a two years' study abroad.

Maude Cooper returned from her pleasure trip abroad just in time to enter college in September.

Fanny Staley '92 is visiting her sister Maude and expects to remain until Xmas.

Miss Bertha Potter recently enjoyed a visit from her father and mother.

Bessie Perkins, who left college to take a position in the Secretary of State's office at Lansing, visited her Theta sisters Thanksgiving.



EXCHANGES.

Wabash College has received \$60,000 on condition that it admit women on the same privileges as men. It is the only college in Indiana that does not admit women.—*The Trident*.

Swarthmore College does not allow a piano within its Quaker halls, yet a chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon is said to have been established there. Truly the faculty conscience must be strangely developed.—*Shield*.

Williams College will soon graduate a native African who will return to his own land to become a king. He will probably introduce baseball and rowing among his benighted people.—*Ram's Horn, Chicago*.

Many persons forget that, after all, the unit of every fraternity is the *man*, and not the chapter. Fraternity men are born, not made. They must be discovered, not manufactured.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

A statistical writer has it that in this country 2,590 women are practicing medicine, 275 preaching the gospel, more than 5,000 managing post-offices, and over 3,000,000 earning indepen-

dent incomes. Since 1880 the patent office has granted over 2,500 patents to women, and in New York City 27,000 women support their husbands.—*The Arrow.*

There are at Cornell University twenty regular four-year men's fraternities, four women's fraternities, three professional fraternities, two honorary fraternities, four class societies, thirteen social and convivial organizations among the men, and four among the women, nine organizations for the pursuit of some particular field of knowledge, nine religious and philosophical associations, three general athletic organizations, four musical and dramatic organizations, and three debating societies, making a total of seventy-eight. There may be and doubtless are others of the same general character as the above, but of a more private nature.—*Cornell University Letter to B. θ. II.*

The following clipping from the *Louisville Post* gives an outside testimonial to the value of fraternity membership as a recommendation for a young man seeking a position among strangers. It will be all the more interesting to Phis, since the "Delta P. Theta" refers to Phi Delta Theta.

Fraternity feeling is something after all; I mean the fraternity of the colleges—the Greek Letter Society. I was sitting in a young business man's office yesterday when a young fellow was admitted. The young man was looking for work and promptly asked for it. The young business man cut him off rather short at first. He was doing no business, expenses were too large now, didn't want inexperienced men at any rate. I don't know how it happened, but it soon came out that both the older and the younger man had been educated at the same college, and it became further known that each was a member of the same Greek Letter Society.

"So you're a Delta P. Theta, are you?" said the young business man. "I'm glad to know that." Then followed a talk on college and fraternity matters. The air was decidedly less crisp then before, and before the two finished talking about fraternity affairs they were old friends. "Come in to-morrow," finished the young business man, "and we'll see what we can do." I do not know, but I shall not be surprised if some day I hear that the young fellow got a "job."

Tau Kappa Phi, an erstwhile Northwestern local, after persistent and emphatic rebuffs, has finally abandoned hope of gaining admission to their long-sought goal, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and disbanded. In consequence of said collapse, a most exciting scramble has been participated in by the various fraternities there represented over its "mutilated" remains." To augment the general state of hilarity Phi Kappa Psi's local representative "bounced" a couple of its number and suffered the loss of an additional four through resignation. It would seem that the general mode of conducting affairs fraternal at "Old Northwestern" was a trifle picturesque, as the instance of Delta Upsilon's ejecting a quota of its membership on account of indulging matrimonial proclivities is yet green in the minds of readers of the Greek press.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

The fad for emblematic novelties and bric-a-brac, which has hitherto prevailed in limited sections only, is fast becoming rampant generally. Until recently there was only a casual demand for anything in the jewelry line other than the standard articles, such as the badge, scarf-pin or ring. The tendency mentioned has, however, now brought forth a variety of articles of promis-

cuous character and design. One of Theta Delta Chi's "officials" offers, among other things, glove hooks and hat marks; Beta Theta Pis, as well as some others, promenade with an emblematic cane; Theta Xi has arranged with a large meerschum-pipe firm "to furnish pipes with the Theta Xi pin in relief," whereas Delta Kappa Epsilon, as previously mentioned, when occasion demands, employ a significant garter. The "very latest articles," however, are Phi Gamma Delta court-plaster cases, scent boxes and mustache combs. A certain manufacturer of such articles is said to be employed in concocting an ingenious device which, according to the whim of the possessor, may be altered to assume the form of any particular badge desired. This proposed contrivance promises to meet a "long-felt want" in certain western institutions.—*Ex.*

Many from time to time denounce secret college societies, and some institutions have abolished them. If you are where they are not allowed, you will have nothing to decide upon this subject. My own experience and observations do not justify me in saying anything against secret *literary* societies. I belonged to two—one in a seminary and the other in college. With both I connect memories not only of pleasurable associations, but of profitable criticisms and instructions. There is a man, now a colleague of mine, a member of the senior class when I was a freshman, whose caustic remarks upon an essay first opened my eyes to the difference in value of authorities for historical statements. A secret society requiring literary performances, followed by criticism, and governed by parliamentary laws, in which students of different classes meet, performs a service which no public society can render.

Certain cautions are necessary. Do not be guilty of the littleness of thinking that all the brilliant and able students are in your society; nor cherish a spirit of antagonism to the members of

other societies, or jealousy of them; nor resort to ignoble methods of securing members. Prepare with utmost care every paper you have to present; attend closely to the animadversions upon it, never being stung. Never criticise on a future occasion in retaliation for what was said to, or of, you or of your paper. By all means take part in every debate, not as a mere talker, but preparing, or, in the absence of preparation, speaking only those things which you deem pertinent, in the best language you can command. This is a most useful practice. When the members of a society "cultivate" you, they may seem the noblest characters you ever met. Should they cease their attentions when once you have been initiated, be not surprised. Among the members you will find others whose charms will be permanent.—*Ex.*

The official authorities of Theta Delta Chi are vigorously wrestling with the old problem of maintaining alumni interest. An article touching this subject in the *Shield* advocates the adoption of a system very similar to that recently established by our own chief executive. It says: "Every charge should yearly send a printed report of its affairs to its alumni." It contends that a double purpose would thereby be served. "First, not the least important would be the most desirable result that the alumnus would thus keep in touch with his charge in a practical way. The undergraduate would know of the former's whereabouts as would also those members of the fraternity who knew the alumnus when a young man in college." The second reason advanced is that by keeping the graduate body "in touch" it would be much more likely to contribute to the procuring of that necessary luxury, the chapter-house.—*Ex.*

Never in the history of college fraternities has there been manifested such a strong sentiment against members of one fra-

ternity joining another fraternity. This sentiment not only visits disapproval upon the heads of the individuals who leave their orders for the purpose of joining others, but it also visits its disapproval upon the orders that receive these men. It is useless to repeat here the policy of the JOURNAL upon this question. Again and again have these pages declared opposition to every species of lifting. What we wish to say now refers to Kappa Alphas particularly. Whatever may be the merits of the abstract question of leaving one's fraternity for another, cuts no figure in the discussion of the matter for our Order. Kappa Alphas cannot join any other college fraternity with any more propriety than they can break all the vows taken upon initiation. The man who leaves a chapter of Kappa Alpha for membership in any similar organization has a very poor conception of moral obligations, and he displays little respect for the sanctities of his plighted word. No conditions can change the matter. There are no ifs, ands, or buts in the question. The rule is plain, and any man of the least mental capacity must know it. Of course if a man becomes *non compos mentis* then he is not to blame. If he should perchance be deprived of his power of memory then, too, he is excusable. Too many men are eager to find some palliation for such an act. They argue that this or that organization is not contemplated by the constitution. They interpret law laxly to ease a lax conscience.

—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

What Vermont Alpha has done many more of our chapters can succeed in doing if they put themselves assiduously to the effort. The difficulties in their way are no greater than those this chapter had to surmount. And we say again, as has been said before in these pages, the chapter that is sincere and earnest in its desire for a house, and backs this sincerity up with systematic effort, will not have to wait many years to have a house of its

own ; and ought in the course of a few months to be able to make arrangements such, that if it cannot rent and furnish a house itself, it can, by rented rooms, place its men in the same house under one roof, and in this way realize many of the practical advantages of chapter house life. No Phi chapter should think that the chapter house movement is now as wide-spread as it is to be. It is bound to extend to colleges where as yet it has been little thought of, and our chapters should be leaders rather than laggards in this move, which is sure to come.—*The Scroll.*

DO NOT snub the neutrals ! There is a deal of human nature in boys, and he who is a novice in social life, and has only recently come out from the ranks of the unadorned, is apt to make his badge over-conspicuous, and sprinkle the words "our fraternity" and "our chapter" throughout his conversation, with a view to impressing the uninitiated. This excites wrath and strong opposition, and is but a natural result. It is better policy and better manners to avoid obtruding fraternity membership too strongly. The new initiate, proud of his membership, eager to display its shining emblem, and drawing comparisons between the elect and the unregenerate, may engender lasting enmities. The policy of the Yale senior societies, to permit their members never to mention the society, may be followed to advantage in many respects.—*Ex.*

The following pathetic little incident, related by the Idler, an individual who jots entertainingly for the Kappa Sigma *Caduceus*, is vouched for by him as having "actually occurred:"

"The Idler was walking down the street, idling as usual, when he met a man and brother. He found that this man had met the editor of a fraternity journal, a man who had poured out

to him his sorrowful experiences and told of his unrequited love for the chapters and alumni who would not respond to his appeals. So the Idler was interested, and said 'Can these things be?' So the man told him some of the tales that the editor had told him. One was about the Righteous Man.

"There was once upon a time a man who was a Righteous Man. And it came to pass that the man said unto himself, I belong to an ancient and great Order that I have sworn to love and honor and aid in all ways possible unto me. And to aid and advance the Order I should pay my subscription to the magazine that is the organ of the Order that I have sworn to love, honor, and aid, and should also tell the erring ones to do like unto me. And straightway the Righteous Man put money in an envelope and sent it unto the one who is called Editor, and told others to do likewise. And he who is called Editor received the envelope and was much surprised. And he was so overcome with his surprise that he fell upon the floor. And those who were with him were sore dismayed, and applied restoratives to him who is called Editor. And he was quickly restored and with those with him sang a song of thanksgiving and praise of the Righteous Man."

This is a very neat little scene, but we are inclined to conclude that the Idler is "romancing." According to our experience he is a shade idealistic! No such catastrophe has ever even threatened us.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

HAZING.

Remnants of barbarity certainly possess a most tenacious grip, and much time and persistent effort are required to completely dislodge a confirmed institution of any character. The custom known as hazing, about which we have seen a great deal of comment of late, has undoubtedly been a most potent obstruction in the path of enlightened education. That pernicious mal-

ady, peculiar to residents of this country, known technically as Anglo-Mania, must be largely accredited with the responsibility of the perpetuation of the practice. It is the embodiment of the principle of organized force versus inexperience, or what is commonly known as "bullying," applied both physically and mentally. It is now usually designated under the more humane title of "upper class discipline." The principle of retaliation should also be allowed a just share of credit for the maintenance of the custom. Who has not had his sympathies and anger enlisted when in his youthful days he read of the humiliating discomfortures of poor Tom Brown; when the boys of the "fourth form" were considered the legitimate prey of the "faggars" of the "fifth?"

To many of the larger institutions this system has been most faithfully transmitted from generation to generation, until, of recent times, under the well-nigh omnipotent influence of habit, it has become tolerated as one of the harmless indiscretions of undergraduate thoughtlessness.

Owing to a more notorious and flagrant abuse of the custom within the last few years, adverse public opinion has been steadily accumulating, a climax being reached in the disastrous Fresh-Soph. catastrophe at Cornell last year. The conspicuous ventilation of the affair by the general press accomplished much toward covering the practice under a cloud of popular disrepute.

It is gratifying to note that Princeton, formerly the veritable capital of class domination, has recently avowed to forever abolish the custom. This step was the result of a meeting of the entire student body, whose action was gratefully concurred in by the faculty.

Cornell and Princeton are both lacking this term in their usual quantity of freshmen, which fact probably accounts directly for the positive disposition of the matter at the latter institution. Careful parents are not blindly partial to "Sophomoric hospitalities,"

generally preferring less ceremony attending their offsprings' advent into the college world.

To one inclined to reflect upon the situation, it is apparent that there is something besides mere coincident in the fact that with the healthy development of the fraternity system, hazing has correspondingly declined. The time has come when the Freshman is no longer compelled to greet upper classmen with humiliating salaams, but, instead, has been exalted to the role of at times dictator and frequently of absolute monarch. Verily there is no equalizer of the heterogeneous conditions of college life and a merciless despoiler of class and cast like the well-regulated representative of the fraternity system.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

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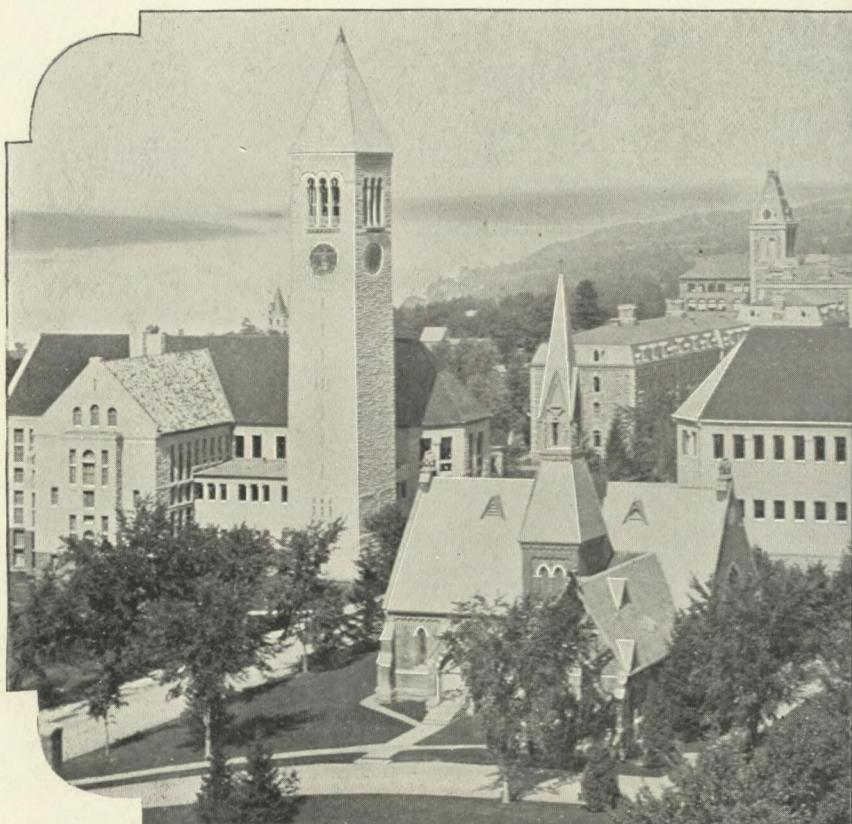
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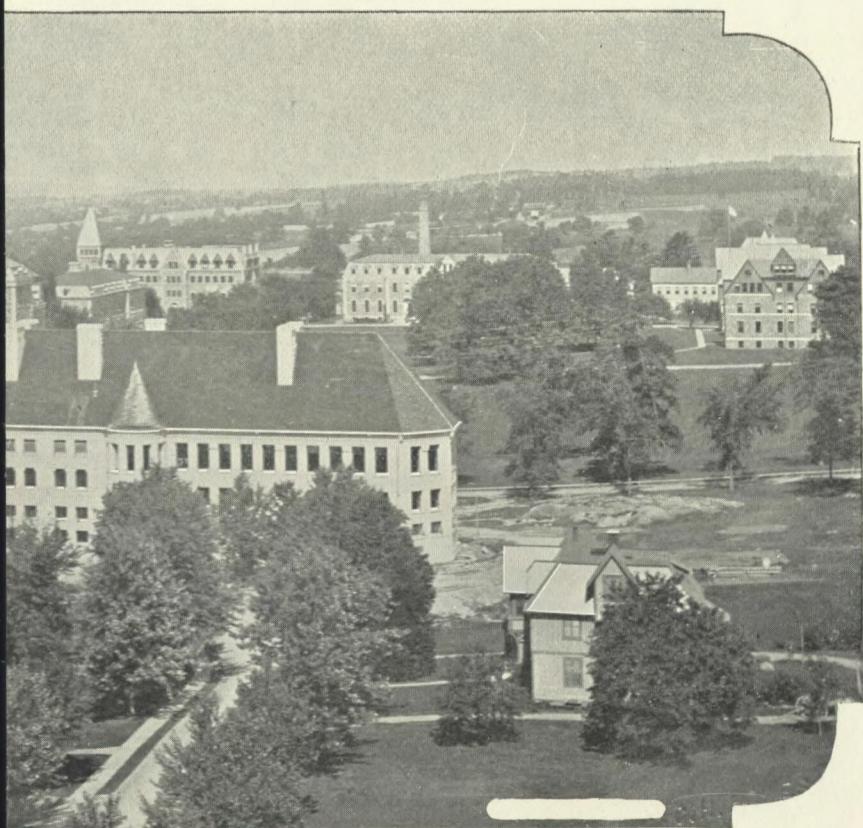
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